

### **REMARKS**

The Office Action dated July 8, 2003 has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments to the claims, and the following remarks, are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

Claims 1, 4, 6, 9-12, 6-19, 21, 23-52 and 55-60 are pending in the present application. Claim 48 is canceled without prejudice. Applicants respectfully request that the present application be reconsidered in view of the following remarks.

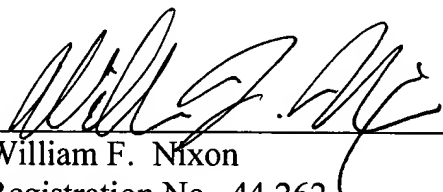
The Office Action indicates that claims 1, 4, 6, 9-12, 6-19, 21, 23-47, 49-52 and 55-60 are allowed in the present application. Applicants cancel claim 48. Therefore, all of the claims in the application are allowed. Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance.

Applicants note that the Information Disclosure Statements filed July 24, 2002, have been considered.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, the applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

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